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SUBJECT : UAE DEFENSE FORCE REQUESTS FOR FMS CASH SALES --
TRAINING/ORIENTATION TOUR

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1. FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF DISCUSSION OF TRAINING/ORIENTA-
TION TOUR BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND GEN. KHALDI JULY 31. OTHER
SUBJECTS COVERED SEPTELS.

2. AMBASSADOR CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF OFFER TO BE HELPFUL IN
THESE TWO AREAS AS PER PARAS . 3 AND 4 REF. A. AMBASSADOR
NOTED SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO TRAINING THAT WE WOULD
NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO OFFER TRAINING OR DEMON-
STRATIONS ON WEAPONS WHICH WERE CLEARLY NOT APPLICABLE
TO UAE NEEDS. RE ORIENTATION TOUR, AMBASSADOR STATEED
THAT WASHINGTON CONCURRED THIS WOULD BE GOOD IDEA AND WAS
PREPARED TO SET SOMETHING UP AS SOON AS IT RECEIVED
DETAILS AS TO WHEN, HOW MANY OFFICERS, ETC.

3. GEN. KHALDI RESPONDED THAT UAE APPRECIATED THIS RESPONSE
AND WAS NOT INTERESTED IN ANY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY OR
CLASSIFIED TRAINING. RATHER THEY WISHED TO FOCUS ON
STANDARD COURSES AS OFFERED FOR EXAMPLE AT FT. SILL
OR FT. BENNING. HE PROMISED TO GIVE US DETAILS
SOONEST, THOUGH HE NOTED HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT TAKE
UAEDF LIST OF SCHOOLS TO BE VISITED AS EXCLUSIVE--

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THAT DOD WOULD MAKE SUGGESTIONS AND ADD THERETO AS

IT DEEMED APPROPRIATE. THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT
UAEDF WOULD PAY FOR TOUR.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT UAEDF LIST OF
INSTALLATIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT TO SEE IF
THERE ANY OBVIOUS PROBLEMS AS TO WHETTING THEIR
APPETITES FOR WEAPONS WE NOT PREPARED TO SELL. WE
TRUST, HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL NOT DRAW THIS LINE TOO
FINELY. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE MANY VARIETIES OF
WEAPONS WE NOT PREPARED TO SELL-E.G. PRESUMABLY
TANKS OR HEAVY ARTILLERY--BUT TO RULE OUT ALL
SUCH ITEMS FROM THOSE WHICH UAE GROUP OF OFFICERS
MIGHT SEE IN ACTION WOULD EMASCULATE TOUR TO
POINT OF LITTLE VALUE. WE BELIEVE THEY ARE VERY
MUCH AWARE, FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS OF TOW, OF LIMITA-
TIONS OF WHAT WE PREPARED TO SELL THEM AND THAT
THIS POINT CAN BE EMPHASIZED AGAIN AS REQUIRED.
BUT FROM THE STANDPOINT SIMPLY OF ESTABLISHING
GOOD PERSONAL CONTACT WITH UAE MILITARY ESTABLISH-
MENT WE SHOULD ON THIS FIRST EXPOSURE GIVE THEM
PROFESSIONAL, REASONABLY COMPREHENSIVE TOUR OF
WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER IN WAY OF TRAINING AND
FACILITIES.
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